

killed in action aboard the USS *Oklahoma* on December 7, 1941. He was returned to rest in his hometown of Shelley, ID, earlier this year.

To support these efforts, work continues toward reintroducing the Bring Our Heroes Home Act to provide a more efficient process for accessing records needed for recovery efforts of missing servicemembers. We can never let up in bringing home all our Nation's heroes, including the 358 Idahoans, who have yet to be returned. Our country's dedication to bringing our lost servicemembers home must mirror the precision, stamina, formality and respect with which The Old Guard unwaveringly protects the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. They resolutely honor our Nation's unidentified and missing servicemembers, as we must in steadily pressing forward to get answers for the families who await their return.

TRIBUTE TO MARCUS GAMBLE

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President, I wish today to honor Marcus Earl Gamble, a member of my Senate staff who has departed to explore exciting opportunities in the great State of Wisconsin.

Marcus, who is from Eagle River, AK, has been an invaluable member of my Senate staff since May of 2018. Marcus is the son of Tonya and Brad Gamble, who recently left Alaska for sunny Arizona. After attending Chugiak High School, Marcus graduated from the University of Montana in 2018 with bachelor of arts degree in political science.

I first met Marcus in the summer of 2016, when he served as an intern in my Washington, DC office. He immediately distinguished himself with his incredible positive attitude and his ever-present smile. He lit up every room he entered and he soon became a staple of the front office and was lauded by many Alaskan visitors for his friendly, informative banter during tours of the U.S. Capitol.

Following his graduation from the University of Montana, Marcus joined my Senate staff as a staff assistant. He quickly became a staff favorite, seeming to never have a bad day as he took calls and greeted visitors to the office. Marcus quickly earned additional responsibility, eventually becoming the internship coordinator and systems administrator.

The COVID-19 pandemic showed us all how vital Marcus is to my office. In a matter of hours, he had every staff member outfitted with equipment and made sure everyone was connected and ready to work. Thanks to Marcus, my office didn't miss a beat and was able to continue to serve Alaska.

In addition to being an effective member of my staff, Marcus is a trusted colleague. His high regard for his fellow Alaskans is evident in the excellent service he has provided to my staff and the public. His can-do, positive attitude and his know-how for all things big and small is greatly missed.

My staff and I will miss Marcus greatly, but are sure he will continue to be a brilliant example of Alaska's indomitable spirit. Thank you, Marcus, for your outstanding service and best of luck as you start this new chapter in life.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT JEREMY MAYO

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize SMSGT Jeremy Mayo who has earned the Military Times 2021 Airman of the Year award after a remarkable 19 years of military service.

Jeremy Mayo is a proud Arkansan who has dedicated his life to protecting and defending his country. Mayo grew up hearing stories about his grandfather's 20 years in the military and says it had a big influence in his life and served as his inspiration to join the Armed Forces.

In his 10 deployments, he has handled a variety of crucial operations from dropping personnel to refilling helicopters, as well as resupply, infiltration, and exfiltration missions. He was initially drawn to the position for its unpredictability and the opportunity to work with some of the top military groups from a variety of branches. Mayo has demonstrated, time and time again, the grit and work ethic so crucial to the success of members of our military. To Mayo, the most important part of his job was simply to get the crew and the team he was supporting in and out and to get them home safely.

Mayo praised the U.S. Air Force for instilling in him important traits such as leadership, saying the roles he has taken on forced him to really step up. As a Special Operations Command loadmaster, Mayo had been trained to roll with the punches, so when the coronavirus pandemic hit, he did just that.

Mayo recognized the significance of the chemical aircrew survivability barrier, a tent-like, air-filtering structure for C-130 airframes. He then helped develop plans to utilize this tool during the pandemic, making special operations crews increasingly self-sufficient and mobile in dangerous medical evacuations.

His quick thinking and creativity in repurposing this chemical and biological contamination tent to protect troops from the coronavirus earned him this prestigious award and, more importantly, has helped protect countless servicemembers.

While the pandemic presented a variety of challenges, Senior Master Sergeant Mayo clearly demonstrated his perseverance in the face of adversity. He deployed to three different regions of the world and served as the senior enlisted leader in an exercise that trained French special operations heli-

copter crews on refueling and seizure skills to prepare for combat in Africa.

I applaud SMSGT Jeremy Mayo for his outstanding commitment and dedication to our Nation. He richly deserves this recognition for his ingenuity and determination, and we are proud of this Arkansan's distinguished record of service on behalf of our country. I commend him for all his efforts that have culminated in this honor and express my gratitude for his leadership and example.●

RECOGNIZING STATE AUTO INSURANCE COMPANIES

• Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 100-year anniversary of the founding of State Auto Insurance Companies.

Founded with \$30,000 in borrowed funds by Robert S. Pein in 1921, the State Automobile Mutual Insurance Association had three employees in a rented room at 257 East Broad Street in Columbus, OH.

Pein believed that the insurance industry at the time was ripe for improvement to customer service and increased affordability. The company's early mission statement was "Prompt and Satisfactory Service in the Settlement of All Claims and operated by a golden rule of 'do unto others as you would have them do unto you.'" Those guiding principles remain to this day.

State Auto's geographic footprint expanded as the company entered new States and acquired or affiliated with companies throughout the country. Today, the company offers products in 33 States. State Auto has grown steadily and now is among the 40 largest property and casualty insurance companies in the United States.

Throughout its history, State Auto has been an innovator in the insurance industry. The company introduced the industry's first auto insurance payment plan and recently transformed into an entirely digital provider of auto, home, and business insurance.

This required a transformation not only of its technology but also of its products and culture. State Auto's culture is open and inclusive, with a belief that every voice is important. Feeling comfortable, even obligated, to speak up, challenge, and disagree is critical.

It is an impressive feat for a company to reach its 100th anniversary. State Auto has reached this milestone while being a great community partner in central Ohio.

I wish State Auto Insurance Companies a future of continued success.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages

from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings).

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:02 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4. An act to amend the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to revise the criteria for determining which States and political subdivisions are subject to section 4 of the Act, and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2747. A bill to expand Americans' access to the ballot box and reduce the influence of big money in politics, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1943. A communication from the Deputy Administrator for Policy Support, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): 2008 Farm Bill Provisions on Clarification of Split Issuance; Accrual of Benefits and Definition Changes; Delay of Implementation Date for Certain Provisions" (RIN0584-AE02) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2021; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1944. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Robert F. Hedelund, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1945. A communication from the Acting Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to various countries; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1946. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order in order to expand the scope of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006 with respect to blocking property of certain persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Belarus; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1947. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13851 with respect to Nicaragua; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1948. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State Populations Residing in a Qualified Disaster Zone" (Notice 2021-45) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1949. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Retroactive application of section 13204 of TCJA" (Rev. Proc. 2021-28) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1950. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "45Q Carbon Capture Equipment Revenue Ruling" (Rev. Rul. 2021-13) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1951. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Premium Assistance for COBRA Benefits Part II" (Notice 2021-46) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 9, 2021; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1952. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2021-0092-2021-0094); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1953. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of firearms, parts, and components abroad controlled under Category I of the U.S. Munitions List to Mexico in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTIC 20-087); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1954. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles, including technical data and defense services to Mexico, for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1955. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transparency in Coverage" (RIN1545-BP47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 10, 2021; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1956. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Prevention and Reduction of Underage Drinking (RTC)" and other relative reports; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1957. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Report to Congress on the Prevention and Reduction of Underage Drinking"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1958. A communication from the Secretary of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the 21st Century IDEA 2019 report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1959. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a legislative proposal entitled "To repeal section 3516(f)(2) of title 31, United States Code, and for other purposes"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1960. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-141, "Engineering Licensure Temporary Amendment Act of 2021"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1961. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-142, "Fiscal Year 2021 Revised Local Budget Advance School Payment and COVID Relief Temporary Amendment Act of 2021"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1962. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-143, "Good Faith Waiver of Certificates of Need for Health Care Providers Temporary Amendment Act of 2021"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1963. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-144, "Local Food Access Grants Temporary Amendment Act of 2021"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1964. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-145, "Fair Elections Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2021"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1965. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-146, "Student Activity Fund Theatrical and Music Performance Expenditures Temporary Act of 2021"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1966. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-147, "Certificate of Assurance Moratorium Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2021"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1967. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-148, "Local Business Enterprise Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2021"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1968. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-149, "Performing Arts Promotion Temporary Amendment Act of 2021"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1969. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-123, "Real Property Tax Sale COVID-19 Equitable Temporary Amendment Act of 2021"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1970. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report